

AGENDA
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2003 - 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
TROY CITY HALL
500 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – October 15, 2003

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver– 918 Trinway
4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 343 Vanderpool
5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 6769 Eckerman
6. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 6783 Eckerman
7. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 143 Evaline
8. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 6728 Eckerman

REGULAR BUSINESS

9. Visitors' Time
 10. Other Business
 11. Adjourn
- cc: Traffic Committee Members, Including Ex-Officio Members
Gary A. Shripka, Assistant City Manager/Services
Steven Vandette, City Engineer
Captain Dane Slater, Police Department
Lt. Scott McWilliams, Police Department
Lt. Robert Matlick, Fire Department
Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney
John K. Abraham, Traffic Engineer
- cc: Appropriate Sections to Interested Citizens:

3. Residents within 300 feet of 918 Trinway
Duane J. Bauer, Built Best Homes LLC, 2776 Ranieri, Troy, MI 48085
4. Residents within 300 feet of 343 Vanderpool
Marci Curtis, 2032 Kristen, Troy 48084
5. Residents within 300 feet of 6769 Eckerman
Pat Bismack, 2742 Powderhorn Ridge, Rochester Hills 48309
6. Residents within 300 feet of 6783 Eckerman
Pat Bismack, 2742 Powderhorn Ridge, Rochester Hills 48309
7. Residents within 300 feet of 143 Evaline
Michael Johnson, 422 E. Square Lake Rd., Troy, MI 48085
8. Residents within 300 feet of 6728 Eckerman
Michael Johnson, Alvarado Homes LLC, 350 Nawakwa Rd., Rochester Hills MI 48307

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MESSAGE TO VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS

The Traffic Committee is composed of seven Troy citizens who have volunteered their time to the City to be involved in traffic and safety concerns. The stated role of this Committee is:

- a. To give first hearing to citizens' requests and obtain their input.
- b. To make recommendations to the City Council based on technical considerations, traffic surveys, established standards, and evaluation of citizen input.
- c. To identify hazardous locations and recommend improvements to reduce the potential for traffic accidents.

Final decisions on sidewalk waivers will be made by the Committee at this meeting.

The recommendations and conclusions arrived at on regular items this evening will be forwarded to the City Council for their final action. Any citizen can discuss these recommendations before City Council. The items discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting will be placed on the City Council Agenda by the City Manager. The earliest date these items might be considered by City Council would normally be 10 days to 2 weeks from the Traffic Committee meeting. If you are interested, you may wish to contact the City Manager's Office in order to determine when a particular item is on the Agenda.

Persons wishing to speak before this Committee should attempt to hold their remarks to no more than 5 minutes. Please try to keep your remarks relevant to the subject at hand. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. These comments are made to keep this meeting moving along. Anyone wishing to be heard will be heard; we are here to listen and help in solving or resolving your particular concerns.

**AGENDA EXPLANATION
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2003**

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Minutes – October 15, 2003**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 918 Trinway**

Duane J. Bauer, Built Best Homes LLC, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 918 Trinway. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.”

Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Built Best Homes, LLC has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing; and

WHEREAS, THE Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 918 Trinway,

which is owned by Built Best Homes, LLC.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 918 Trinway, which is owned by Built Best Homes, LLC.

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 343 Vanderpool

Marci Curtis is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 343 Vanderpool. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks." Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Marci Curtis has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing, and

WHEREAS, THE Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 343 Vanderpool, which is owned by Marci Curtis.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a

waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 343 Vanderpool, which is owned by Marci Curtis.

5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 6769 Eckerman

Pat Bismack is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 6769 Eckerman. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks." Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Pat Bismack has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing, and

WHEREAS, THE Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 6769 Eckerman, which is owned by Pat Bismack.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic Committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 6769 Eckerman, which is owned by Pat Bismack.

6. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 6783 Eckerman

Pat Bismack is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 6783 Eckerman. The sidewalk

ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks." Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Pat Bismack has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing, and

WHEREAS, THE Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 6783 Eckerman, which is owned by Pat Bismack.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 6783 Eckerman, which is owned by Pat Bismack.

7. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 143 Evaline

Michael Johnson is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 143 Evaline. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

It should be noted that six other parcels on the same street were granted sidewalk waivers in the recent past.

This request was scheduled for consideration at the October 15, 2003 meeting. Mr. Johnson did not attend that meeting. The committee felt that if there is to be further building on this street, sidewalks should be installed, and postponed a decision until Mr. Johnson appears to address their concerns.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Michael Johnson has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing; and

WHEREAS, THE Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a _____-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 143 Evaline, which is owned by Michael Johnson.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 143 Evaline, which is owned by Michael Johnson.

8. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 6728 Eckerman

Michael Johnson is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 6728 Eckerman. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has

signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.” Petitioner states that there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

This request was scheduled for consideration at the October 15, 2003 meeting. Mr. Johnson did not attend that meeting. The committee felt that if there is to be further building on this street, sidewalks should be installed, and postponed a decision until Mr. Johnson appears to address their concerns.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Michael Johnson has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because the area is already developed with no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing, and there are ditches on both streets,

WHEREAS, THE Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a _____-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 6728 Eckerman, which is owned by Michael Johnson.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 6728 Eckerman, which is owned by Michael Johnson.

REGULAR BUSINESS

9. **Visitors' Time** (Items not on the Agenda)

10. Other Business

Items not on the agenda which Traffic Committee members may wish to discuss.

11. Adjourn